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SUBJ: SIAD REITERATES STAND ON SOMALI NATIONALISM

REFS: A) MOGADISCIO 0504; B) MOGADISCIO 0505

1. MARCH 26, SPEAKING TO GROUP OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS WHOM HE EXHORTED TO TAKE PART IN REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE FOR SOCIAL PROGRESS, PRESIDENT MOHAMED SIAD BARRE TOOK OCCASION TO REMIND ETHIOPIAN PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT (EPMG) THAT "SOMALI PEOPLE WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT TO REMAIN UNDER COLONIALISM". IF EPMG MEANS WHAT IT SAYS ABOUT SOCIALISM, HE ADDED, "IT SHOULD ALLOW THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION TO THE PEOPLES, INCLUDING THE SOMALIS, WHICH HAVE BEEN LONG COLONIALIZED BY THE ETHIOPIAN EMPIRE".

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2. SIAD ALSO ADDRESSED HIMSELF TO GSDR RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS, STATING THAT TWO COUNTRIES' "FRIENDSHIP" WAS BASED UPON MUTUAL COOPERATION AND WAS "GAINING MOMENTUM" DAY-BY-DAY AS RESULT OF THEIR "COMMON IDEOLOGY". AT SAME TIME, HOWEVER, SIAD POINTEDLY BALANCED ACCOUNT BY SAYING THAT SOMALIS WERE AN "ARAB" PEOPLE AND THAT GSDR WAS PREPARED TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH ARAB

STATES IRRESPECTIVE OF "INTERNAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC SYSTEMS".

3. THUS SIAD AGAIN MAKES CLEAR THAT SOMALI NATIONALISM AND IRREDENTISM ARE TOUCHSTONES OF GSDR POLICY. HIS KIND WORDS TO SOVIETS, PROBABLY DESIGNED TO PROTECT HIS POLITICAL FLANKS, CAN NOT DISGUISE CLEAR WARNING HE HAS GIVEN THEM THAT GSDR WILL NOT SACRIFICE SOMALI NATIONAL INTEREST FOR ABSTRACT "SOCIALIST" PRINCIPLES.

4. FULL TEXT STATEMENT BEING POUCHED DEPARTMENT AND SELECTED POSTS.

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